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Kona Forging Ahead in Road Improvement and Coffee Cultivation-

Mr. Townsend's Trip.

The Inspector General of Schools, who has just returned from a three months tour of the Island of Hawaii, has much to say that is interesting concerning the improvements, both public and private which have been

"On the windward side of the Island," says Mr. Townsend, "roads are completed from Hilo and Honohina. One can also drive comfortably from Laupahoehoe into Kohala. There is a great development of sugar cane cul-tivation between Maulua gul-h and the the old Honohina plantation. Some hundreds of acres of cane are already planted by small holders. The can will be ground at the Hakalau mill When the homesteads at Maulua are thrown open there will be a great deal more cane planted. All the lower homesteads will be planted in sugar and the upper in coffee.

"I noticed remarkable development in the agricultural and coffee regions in the Hamakua district.

"In Kona the most notable thing was the road improvement. A good driving road now extends from Me-Guire's ranch to Napoopoo and road work is progressing which will con-nect these roads in the region of Hookena. A drive from Huihui to Honomalino will then be possible. The surveyor's marks are visible clear to Kahuku.

"Great areas of land are being planted in coffee. The crop is good. Kona has had a very rainy season, which is unprecedented. The trees are growing well and there will be a great deal of new wood for next year's crop.

"While passing through Kau district I saw some of the heaviest ladened coffee trees it has ever been my pleasure to gaze upon. These trees were growing in a protected spot on C. Meinecke's place at Waiahino. There were some 600 trees in all. Back of Kilea, on John Searles' place, I found a very choice coffee plantation. "Kau has had a terrible draught,

but is thoroughly broken now. The

grazing company suffered most. The sugar plantations suffered a little. saw very little of the coffee fields in Olaa, but the people whom I met were all confident that Olaa was houses are going up in anticipation of the crop now on the trees. The esti-mates of the crop seem too good to you.

believe,
"In Puna I found the road work going on there. There is now a good driving road for a distance of nineteen miles into the district. This is an excellent road. Work to connect this with the old Rycroft road is progressing rapidly and it will not be long before there will be a road thirty

"Coffee out in Puna district is look-ing fine. The crop, it is said, will be good, in the region of Kamaili and Pahoa. The coffee is older at Pahoa, much of it being on the Catholic mission lands. Goudie Brothers have some excellent trees. C. L. Wight, Lita Wilder, Harry Rycroft and others have excellent coffee in Kamaili."

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